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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

Many people fail in life, not for lack of ability or brains or even courage but simply because they have never organized their energies around a goal.

-Elbert Hubbard -

Friday, January 17, 2008

Thanks to the quick response and professionalism of Officer Max Williams and LPN Peggy Wells from the Putnamville Correctional Facility for providing potentially life saving medical aid to a collapsed visitor.

Twelve offenders from Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility, supervised by Officer Steve Yann, completed remodeling on Friday, Jan 11th of the I-69 Weigh Station. New tile was laid, rooms painted, lights installed, outside trim repaired and painted and landscaping was renewed. Over 3,000 hours were spent on this project.

The Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility began its second Inside-Out class collaborative with IUPUI this week. The class combines fourteen residents, eight IUPUI students, and one IUPUI professor in a School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) course concentrating on the topic of Punishment and Reformation. Participants interact and exchange topical opinions of the readings.

Pendleton Correctional Facility received a letter of appreciation from Villages President and CEO Sharon Pierce and the organization's Director of Development Linda Adams expressing thanks for the recent donation of winter clothing items and \$190.75 in cash that was collected to benefit the children served by their agency. Ms. Pierce and Ms. Adams indicated that the facility's gifts "will make an everlasting imprint on the life of a child sustaining HOPE for a brighter future". The facility also hosted a Region 4 Job Fair on Wednesday January 16th.

Volunteer recruitment was the topic of the Wednesday meeting of the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Citizens Advisory Board. Board members learned that volunteers in such programs as Inside Out Dad's can make a positive difference an offender's life as he prepares to re-enter society.

KUDOS to the following facilities for receiving National ACA Accreditation by an accreditation panel in Grapevine, Texas, on Saturday, January 12, 2008: Camp Summit, Correctional Training Institute, Edinburgh Correctional Facility, Westville Correctional Facility, Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility, Putnamville Correctional Facility, and Madison Correctional Facility.

The Ready Built Company has started stage one of its training at the Correctional Industrial Facility. This preliminary training will aid in evaluation and job placement of the initial 150 offenders enrolled in the program.